

# VIOLA HAGADORN RALPH DIARY

## OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library – The Folklife Center  
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Viola Hagadorn Ralph 1863 - 1930
- Title:** Viola Hagadorn Ralph Diary
- Dates:** 1910 - 1930
- Abstract:** Daily activities, community events, weather, accidents, and so forth, in Corinth, NY, from 1910 to 1930.
- Quantity:** 1 volume
- Identification:** Archives & Manuscripts: Personal and Family Collections

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Viola Hagadorn was born on January 24, 1863, probably in Greenfield, Saratoga County, New York. She was the oldest daughter of George (1843 – 1904) and Nancy J. Hagadorn 1843 – 1898). George was a sawyer. She was joined by brothers Herbert, 1865, Frank, 1868, and sister Evaline, born in 1875. Between 1875 and 1880 the family moved to Corinth, NY, where George and his sons worked in a paper mill.

In 1887 Viola married Charles Ralph, a blacksmith in Corinth. They lived in Corinth for the rest of their lives, Charles dying in 1926, Viola in 1930. They raised three sons, Leon, Fay and Carl. Viola and Charles are buried in Corinth Rural Cemetery, as are their son Leon and his wife Ella.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

Entries in this diary stretch from June of 1910 to March of 1930, but the entries before 1926 were originally penned into a series of small books. On January 11, 1926, Mrs. Ralph wrote that she had purchased a large book [it is 14 ¼ x 9 inches, black cloth with red spine and corners, marked "Record" on the spine] and intended copying all her earlier entries into it. The last entry was made March 2, 1930, by her sister, after Mrs. Ralph's death.

The content of the diary is daily activities, community events, weather, accidents, and so forth.

## INDEX TERMS

**Topics:** Corinth, Saratoga, NY history  
Corinth, Saratoga, NY daily life 1910 - 1920

**Places:** Corinth, Saratoga, NY

**Important People:** Ralph, Viola Hagadorn 1863 - 1930  
Ralph, Charles 1859 - 1926  
Ralph, Leon 1889 – 1962, son of Charles and Viola  
Ralph, Ella Kilmer 1891 - ; wife of Leon  
Ralph, Fay C. 1895 - ; son of Charles and Viola  
Carl 1902 - ; son of Charles and Viola

**Form/Genre:** Diary

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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